



## Alumnus of the Month



Paul B. Williamson

## Paul B. Williamson '12, Football and Engineering Expert and New Orleans Civic Leader, Is Alumnus of Month

It's not often we can boast a graduate who has won success and acclaim in both his profession and his hobby. But Paul B. Williamson '12 is such a graduate.

Since 1916, he has been an independent consultant and oil man. According to "P. B.", his most famous paper was published in "Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering" and was entitled "Pressure and Temperature Relations for the Vapor of Liquids". This was the first general boiling-point law in history. It was listed in "Bibliography of Petroleum and Allied Substances" by the U. S. Bureau of Mines and was incorporated in Olsen's Chemical Handbook of Van Nostrand.

"P. B." is also believed to be the first geologist to design, build, and use an electrical gravimeter in petroleum geographical surveying. He has written many papers on geology, geophysics, and allied subjects.

### He picks Gridiron Winners

Although our alumnus of the month has indeed made a name for himself as a consulting engineer and geologist, he is perhaps even better known to the general public as the man behind "Williamson National Football Ratings and Predictions", his nationally syndicated hobby.

Advertised as "By Far America's Foremost Pigskin Prophet", Mr. Williamson is now in his 15th season of predicting and rating some 337 university, college, service, and junior college teams. His predictions reach an estimated newspaper public of 10 million, from Bangor, Me., to San Diego, Cal., and from Portland, Ore., to Miami, Fla.

Paul Williamson a native of Birmingham, graduated from Auburn in electrical engineering in '12. He took postgraduate work at Wisconsin. Mr. Williamson's football activities began during his college years when he combined his student's ardent interest in football with his classroom scientific studies. For his own satisfaction, he evolved what is now known as Williamson's Scientific Football Ratings and Predictions, a method for comparing football teams all over the country according to a single standard. By means of a higher-mathematical scientific formula, he is able to resolve reams of data into a precise table of most consistent rankings, from which the outcome of most games can be reliably foretold.

It was inevitable, in 1933, that newspaper men should find in his hobby the accurate, system long sought by sports writers. It is now syndicated by United Features with headquarters in New York City.

Our Alumnus of the Month

hailed from Montgomery during college days, but he now calls New Orleans home. His wife is the former Edna Marie Talley and he is the father of three boys, age 10, 17, and 23. The eldest, J. D. Mitchell Williamson, attended Auburn for two years, 1941-43. He won the EKN award for leading his freshman electrical engineering class when he was in Auburn. He volunteered for service in '43 and returned in the spring of '46 after a 36 month hitch, ending as a lieutenant. The "D." in "J. D. M.", writes his father, stands for Dunstan, in honor of Auburn's own Professor Dunstan. Mitchell is now married, has a daughter nearly a year old, and is studying petroleum geology and geophysics at Tulane.

Mr. Williamson's middle son, Kennerly, is a freshman at Southeastern Louisiana College, prepping for Aeronautical Engineering at Auburn. The youngest son Rhett, is still in grammar school, but will one day, no doubt, follow the family tradition to Auburn. And Auburn is definitely a Williamson family tradition. Mr. Williamson's father, uncle, son, and a raft of cousins and other kinsfolk have all called Auburn "alma mater".

### A Civic Leader

Just as if a full-time business and a full-time hobby weren't enough, Paul Williamson is also active in New Orleans Civic affairs. During the war years, the New Orleans Civic Theater, of which he has long been president, received citations of merit both from the Army and the Navy for its very active and broad program of entertainment for service members.

He is a founder of the New Orleans Civic Theater. (Continued on page 8)

## Hutsell Named API Athletic Head; Coach Voyles Resigns

A series of fast-moving events which Wednesday, (December 10) saw termination of the contracts of A.P.I. Coaches Carl M. Voyles and A. H. "Pop" Werner came to a climax Thursday with announcement by Acting President Ralph B. Draughon that he had named Coach Wilbur Hutsell athletic director, succeeding Voyles.

Termination of Voyles' contract gave rise to considerable speculation over who would succeed him as head football coach. These reports brought from Mr. Draughon Thursday afternoon the following emphatic denial:

"No official approaches or commitments have been made to any persons relative to the football coaching post at Auburn."

Mr. Draughon disclosed contents of a letter he had written Dean Roger Allen, faculty athletic committee chairman, which requested the committee and Athletic Director Hutsell to "receive applications and make investigations leading to the nomination of a head coach of football." He asked that efforts to find a suitable coach be started at the "earliest practicable time."

Draughon suggested to the athletic committee that "the president and executive committee of the Auburn Alumni Association may be helpful in suggesting possible persons for the position of head football coach."

Negotiations between President Draughon and Coach Voyles which had been in progress nearly two weeks ended Wednesday afternoon with the announcement by Draughon that "the services of Coach Carl M. Voyles, director of physical education and athletics at this institution, were

terminated today by mutual agreement."

An announcement issued at the same time by Coach Voyles stated it was "with deep regret" that he had come to the decision which resulted in his agreement to terminate his contract.

No details of the settlement have been made public either by Mr. Draughon or Coach Voyles. Earlier in the week Attorney General A. A. Carmichael disclosed that, in a reply to a request for an opinion from Draughon, he had ruled it would be legal to pay Coach Voyles a sum of money not to exceed that provided in his contract.

Appointment of Coach Hutsell track coach since 1921, as athletic director, brings a division in the duties which Voyles had held as athletic director and football coach. Replacement for Voyles on the football field will confine his duties solely to football coaching.

Full text of announcement by Acting President Draughon of termination of Coach Voyles' contract follows:

"The services of Coach Carl M. Voyles, Director of Physical Education and Athletics at this institution, were terminated today by mutual agreement. This agreement was reached amicably and entirely within the spirit of the contract. The decision was reached with great reluctance on my part. I feel that Coach Voyles has been the victim of circumstances beyond his control. His work with athletics here has been progressive and I believe he has made some lasting contributions to athletics at Auburn. I hold him in high personal regard as a gentleman and untiring worker and a

### Greetings to the Alumni from API

On behalf of the Faculty, Staff, and Students of Auburn, I wish to extend greetings and good wishes of the Christmas Season to all alumni and friends of Auburn.

The year that now draws to its close has brought much good and no little sadness to us. We have lost great and stalwart men who devoted their lives to the welfare of Auburn. We have been blessed with many developments rich in portent for the future.

Let us go forward into the New Year with clear vision and unity of heart and purpose. We can justify our existence as a great educational force in that way only.

Sincerely  
Ralph B. Draughon  
Acting President

very good organizer."

Voyles' statement follows:

"Acting President Ralph B. Draughon and I have just had a conference in which we mutually agreed to terminate my contract as Director of Athletics and Physical Education.

"It is deep regret that I come to this decision. I am leaving a young team which showed promise as sophomores. I fully believe that next year, as juniors, they will hold their own with any team in the conference. Their future success will gratify me as it will be evidence of the good work they have done under my direction in the past two years.

"I hate to be leaving Auburn just as it is beginning to taste the fruits of our work for an expanded athletic and physical education program. A new sports arena and an enlarged stadium which are in prospect, will enable



Coach Wilbur Hutsell

Auburn to bring conference teams to the home field. They will also provide much needed facilities for the intramural program for men and women.

"I wish to take this opportunity (Continued on page 3)

## NEW BUILDING BOOM AT API CONSIDERED

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute Board of Trustees on Nov. 21 gave API Acting President Ralph B. Draughon permission to investigate the possibility of a building expansion program totaling approximately \$2,000,000.

Major building units in the proposed expansion program include (1) an engineering laboratory building, \$986,500; (2) a classroom and laboratory building, \$485,000; (3) an abattoir and freezer plant, \$291,000; (4) a building and grounds office and warehouse building, \$100,000, and (5) a swimming pool and bath house at \$90,000.

Stadium enlargement plans were discussed, but no decision was reached.

Trustees attending the meeting were Frank P. Samford, Birmingham; S. L. Toomer, Auburn; Joe Davis, Albertville; Paul S. Haley, Jasper; V. S. Summerlin, Lurverne; Redus Collier, Decatur; and State School Superintendent A. R. Meadows, ex-officio member.



# Is Everybody Happy?

By Harry M. (Happy) Davis  
Executive Secretary  
Auburn Alumni Association



"Don't think about what people think about you,  
just think how seldom they do!"  
(Borrowed)

## FAITH

Once in a while I get pretty well filled up with myself and I stop and start thinking about the good ole days when Auburn was my school and your school, and what wonderful times and spirit we used to have. I loved to breathe the freshness of the friendly atmosphere which prevailed. I loved every twig of grass, every leaf, every stem, every muddy path that lead from class to class . . . and I loved everybody. I loved the birds and the bees, the busy little squirrels, the pretty little girls (all 50 of 'em), and everybody loved me. Those were the happy days. True, we didn't have much money, we had holes in our shoes, and sometimes patches on our pants . . . but we had faith . . . and sometimes I wonder if we weren't better off. We had a strong, deep abiding faith in our fellow man and in our Alma Mater, Auburn—just the word itself sends chills up my spine. I have never ceased loving it, and I never will. I remember the happy days when we used to gather between Langdon and Main and swap stories and plan others. Money meant nothing. We were happy. We loved life and we loved Auburn. We lived with each other and for each other. Some say that spirit has died, and I say they're wrong. That spirit will never die 'till I die and you die. It's engrained in you, and God Bless you, you love it and I love it . . . but you and I both must re-establish ourselves. Let's take stock and once again remember to have faith. If I didn't have faith in you . . . in all good Auburn men and women, I'd have given up a long time ago. This has not been an easy job — this job of organizing an Alumni Association, especially during some very trying times. Some people still don't quite seem to understand what the Alumni Association is all about. Perhaps its faith. You've got to have some. They want to hold back to see what's going to happen and then when the jobs done they'll swing on the band wagon—Sorry friend but it doesn't work that way. Your help and understanding is needed now. I know what 40,000 can do when they're all working together and you know too. Don't swing on after the job is done. It might not be unless you express your faith now and hang on for a few more years. Together we can bring about one of the greatest Institutions of higher learning in the South and maybe the world. Do yourself a favor—Join the Alumni Association. It's not mine, it's not built only for athletics or any other particular phase of the campus—it's our association. You have no idea of what a feeling you can have from joining in and adding your part to the many others who keep believing, loving and having faith.

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## Jobs—Jobs—Jobs

Hey Buddy—wanta job?? Now this doesn't mean that the Alumni Office is turning into a Placement Bureau. We do know that there are jobs available. We know about some here in the Alumni Office but mainly your contacts should

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Dean T. C. Bannister

## Gen. R. L. Bullard Dies in New York

Alumni may have already noted with regret the passing of one of Auburn's oldest and most distinguished graduates, General Robert Lee Bullard, '84.

General Bullard died in September at Fort Jay hospital on Governor's Island in New York of a brain hemorrhage. He was 83.

The Opelika Daily News carried the following report:

"Born in Youngsboro, Alabama Gen. Bullard lived in Oakbowery until the time he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a graduate of Auburn and commuted from his home to the college city daily.

"His military career dated to the Indian wars of the '80's and he was decorated by four nations for his military skill during World War I. It was while he was in command of the allied armies at Chateau Thierry during the first World War that the French asked if he would withdraw in face of strong German pressure. Gen. Bullard replied, 'I'm going to counter-attack.' This unexpected remark at a time of allied reversals earned for him the nickname "Counter-Attack" Bullard.

He commanded the famous First Division in the first American battle at Cantigny and in the stand in Montmidier. He was credited with forcing the turning point of the war against the Germans in 1918 when the allies were fighting with their backs to the wall.

Gen. Bullard retired Jan. 15 1925.

be through the Dean of your particular school. We'd like to hear from you too.

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## Note to Class '08

A member of your Class has advised that he wants his Class one hundred percent in contributions to the Greater Auburn Fund and if you don't chip in he intends paying your dues for you. Do you want it that way???

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## Club Presidents Meeting—Nov. 8th

Most of the contents of this meeting are covered elsewhere in this issue but the important thing to remember is that we are not lacking for projects and programs. They are numerous. Also we ask that you speak up about things that don't go to suit you through your Alumni Office. Emphasis is being placed on giving the alumni a voice in the Association. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

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## Jingle Bells

Old Hap will have witnessed three Xmas's on this job this year. Each one that rolls around brings back pleasant and fond memories of the last one. This one that called—a card from another—an expression from another. I try to think of all of you and what you are doing, especially on this glorious day. I can't begin to acknowledge receipt of your many kind and thoughtful expressions. So to all of you from all of us . . . A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR . . .

## 40 Years of Architecture at API

Turpin C. Bannister, a native of Ohio, assumed his duties as Dean of the School of Architecture and the Arts at Auburn on November 1, 1944. Dean Bannister holds degrees from Denison, Columbia, and Harvard. For many years, a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, he also did private architectural work in New York City and did extensive research work on both medieval architecture and on building construction. He is a member, American Institute of Architects, (Committee on Preservation of Historic Monuments, 1940—, past-president, Alabama Chapter); American Society of Architectural Historians (past-president, 1940-42; editor, Journal, 1940-45, director, 1942); New York State Historical Society; College Art Association; Medieval Academy of America; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Sigma Chi; Phi Mu Alpha; National Council of Historic Sites and Buildings.

### Turpin C. Bannister, Dean

School of Architecture and the Arts

September, 1947, marks the endent School of Architecture, Fortieth Anniversary of the in- and Allied arts,

September, 1947, marks the in- auguration of the curriculum in Architecture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. In June, 1907, the Trustees authorized the establishment of the Department of Architecture and the first course in Architecture to be offered in the South. In September, Professor Nathaniel Cortlandt Curtis, a graduate of Columbia University, began the instruction of 9 students. Early catalogs stated that the course was begun in order "to comply with an increasing demand for instruction in architecture and to encourage students to enter a profession which hitherto could be pursued only after an expensive term of study in the North."

Growth was slow but sure. By 1912, twenty-two students were enrolled, eighteen had received the degree, Bachelor of Science in Architecture, and in the same year Joseph Hudnut was named head of the Department upon the departure of Professor Curtis for Tulane. Professor Hudnut served for four years and later became Dean of the School of Architecture at Columbia and he is now Dean of the School of Design at Harvard.

### Biggin Becomes Architecture Head

In 1916, Frederic Child Biggin, graduate of Cornell and Lehigh came from the head professorship of the department at Oklahoma A. and M. College, to preside for twenty-seven years over Auburn's expanding course. His leadership and devotion brought many significant developments. In 1917 the curriculum in Architectural Engineering was instituted. In 1925, both Architecture and Architectural Engineering were extended to five years. In 1927, the department was removed from the School of Engineering and combined with a new Department of Applied Arts to form the indep-

The degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture, was changed to the new professional degree, Bachelor of Architecture. At the same time the curriculum in Architectural Engineering was changed to a Structural Option of the curriculum in Architecture. In 1930, the curriculum in Interior Design was added. Under Dean Biggin, enrollment grew from 18 (2.3% of the college) to the pre-war peak of 163 (3.9%) in 1941-42. Dean Biggin saw the building boom of the 1920's when the architectural enrollment reached 119 in 1929. He saw it drop to 60 in 1934 at the bottom of the depression. By 1939, it had climbed to 81, but during World War II it hovered around 35. The 1917 catalog lists Dean Biggin as the only instructor in architecture. By 1939, he had assembled a school staff of 18. The quality of architectural teachers he attracted is measured by the fact that four of them later headed schools of their own.

### Foundation of School Laid By

#### Biggin

Dean Biggin had the courage and perseverance to envision and build a School embracing a wide variety of related professional curricula. His craftsmanship in teaching and administration laid a firm base that was the chief essential to future growth. Despite heart-rendering hyphenate budgetary inadequacies he carried through a comprehensive program that won for Auburn the respect of the profession in the state, region, and nation. His enthusiasm and concern for the profession itself extended far beyond the campus. He was a charter member of the Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture, and through his cordial relations with its membership gained its substantial and continuous support for the School. He took an active and enlightened part in obtaining legislation for the establishment of the State Board for the Registration of Architects, and he served on the Board from 1939 until his death in 1943. His distinguished service to the profession was recognized in 1939 by his election to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Hugh Martin has summed up in an admirable manner his colleagues' tribute to Dean Biggin: "the adjective with which to describe Frederic Biggin is selfless. What other man has given more unstintingly to the cause of architecture than he, and who has left a more vital imprint on the youth who, year after year, come to him for the foundations of knowledge and the guiding principals of their professional careers? Always has he kept the faith and earned the tribute, 'Well done'."

### Dean Bannister Appointed in 1944

In 1944, Turpin C. Bannister, graduate of Denison, Columbia, and Harvard, was appointed Dean to succeed Frederic Biggin. Until Dean Bannister's arrival in November, Edwin B. Lancaster, Auburn graduate, performed valiant

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## Five Trustees are Seeking Permanent API President

A committee of five members of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute has been appointed to make recommendations on the selection of a permanent president for API. The Board was appointed by Governor James E. Folsom.

Sheldon Lyne Toomer, Chairman of the Board, was born in Opelika Alabama on July 14, 1872, the son of Sheldon and Willie Lyne Toomer, natives of Portsmouth, Virginia. His father, a veteran of the War Between the States, was the first state representative of Lee County after it was created from Macon County.

Mr. Toomer was graduated from API in 1893 with a B.S. in Chemistry and Agriculture. After some time at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, he returned to Auburn in 1897 to study pharmacy. On completing the course, he established the Toomer Drug Company in Auburn, and has conducted it ably for almost 50 years.

He is also owner of the Toomer Hardware Company and one of the largest real estate owners in Auburn, in addition to large farming interests. He is president of the Auburn Realty Co., President of the Auburn Ice and Coal Company. In 1907 he helped in the organization of the Bank of Auburn and has served as president of the bank since 1908.

He has served as President of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association, of the Chattahoochee Valley Bankers Association, of the Villagers Civic Club, and of the Auburn Rotary Club. From 1915 to 1925 he was a member of the town council. He served as a member of the Auburn School Board many years.

He is an Episcopalian, a Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of ATO fraternity and of Rho Chi, national Honorary Pharmaceutical Society. Mr. Toomer's term on the Board of Trustees will expire in 1951. He represents the Third District.

Frank Park Samford was born in Troy, Alabama on November 1, 1893, the son of Judge William Hodges and Kate (Park) Samford. He is the grandson of the

late Governor William J. Samford of Alabama.

Mr. Samford attended State Normal School at Troy and API, receiving his B.S. degree in 1914.

He was Deputy Insurance Commissioner of Alabama, 1915-1919; Secretary of Liberty National Life Insurance Company, 1921-1932; Vice President 1932-1934, and elected President in 1934.

He was President, Industrial Insurers' Conference 1938-1940, member of the Board of Directors of Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Connecticut, 1931-1934; and State Vice President of American Life Convention 1939-1942.

Among the civic offices held by Mr. Samford are Appeal Chairman, Birmingham Community Chest 1935; President Birmingham Community Chest 1940-1942; member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee Birmingham Chamber of Commerce 1937; President Birmingham Rotary Club 1936-1937; District Governor of Rotary 1940-1941; President Associated Industries of Alabama 1941-1942; elected President, Board of Trustees, Howard College 1939; Chairman, Advisory Committee, Second War Loan Campaign, Vice Chairman, War Finance Committee, Third War Loan Campaign.

Mr. Samford is a member of ATO College Fraternity, ODK Honorary Fraternity, Birmingham and Mountain Brook Country Clubs, Baptist Church, Mason and Shriner. Mr. Samford's term on the Board of Trustees will expire in 1951. He represents the Ninth District.

Dr. Joe M. Davis was born in Albertville, Alabama on January 3, 1920, the son of the late J. Mercer Davis and Myrtle D. Davis.

He attended public schools in Albertville and entered the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1937. He was graduated in 1942 as a doctor of veterinary medicine. Dr. Davis was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and Omega Tau Sigma, social and professional fraternities.

Dr. Davis is a veteran of World War II. He joined the United States Army as a private in July, 1942, and was discharged in June, 1946, as a captain in the Veteri-

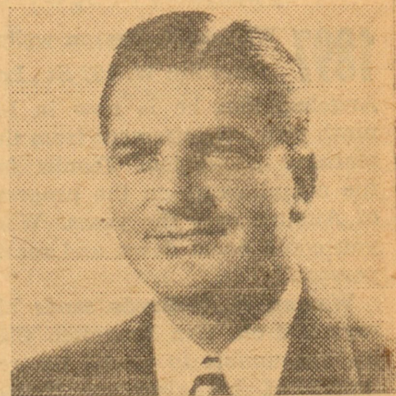
## TRUSTEES WHO WILL RECOMMEND API'S NEXT PRESIDENT



Walker Reynolds



Sheldon Toomer



Dr. Joe Davis



Frank P. Samford



V. S. Summerlin

Committee members are: (above) Sheldon Toomer, chairman; (upper left) Walker Reynolds; (lower left) Frank P. Samford; (upper right) Dr. Joe Davis; (lower right) V. S. Summerlin.

nary Corps. He served for 16 months in the India-Burma theater.

Dr. Davis is active in civic affairs in Albertville. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Civitan Club. He is engaged in the general practice of veterinary medicine in Albertville.

His term on the Auburn Board of Trustees will expire in 1955. He represents the Fifth District.

Walker Reynolds was born at Rendalia, Alabama, Talladega County, on September 12, 1888, the son of Oliver Mallory Reynolds of Talladega County and Elizabeth Talbot Smith Reynolds of Kentucky.

He attended schools in Anniston and also G. M. A. Prep School at College Park, Georgia, before entering Auburn in

order rabbits of their own. Letters arrive by the dozens for expert advice from Mr. White on the raising of Angoras.

According to Mr. White, Angoras are different from other rabbits because of their coats. While the ordinary rabbit is growing fur or hair, the Angora is producing the finest wool in the world. Lighter in weight than either cotton or silk, yet eight times warmer than lamb's wool. Angoras are clipped every three months, yielding one-fourth of a pound of wool per clipping or one pound per year, which is valued at \$7.50. Since it costs just \$1.75 to feed an Angora for a year, those bunnies are really a profitable as well as entertaining hobby.

Engineering and bunnies ought to be enough to keep any man more than occupied, but not this Auburn grad! Mr. White is a member of the Methodist Church and has taught in the Sunday School for more than a quarter of a century. He has been affiliated with the Boy Scout Organization for many years, training over 750 boys. He founded and organized the first 23 chapters of the American Business Club, one of the leading National Service clubs for young men. He is also a member of the Moose Lodge, Kiwanis Club, Grange, Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Farmers and Sportsmen's Club.

the fall of 1906. He graduated at Auburn in 1908 and took his masters degree in mechanical engineering in 1919. He also captained the football team in Auburn in 1919.

After leaving college, Mr. Reynolds was connected with the Union Foundry Company of Anniston, from 1910 until 1924. He has been manager of this plant for the last five years. He went with the Alabama Pipe Company when it was organized in 1924, and is now vice president of this company.

Mr. Reynolds is a member and director of the Chamber of Commerce in Anniston, a member of the Parker Memorial Baptist Church, the Rotary Club, and the Anniston Country Club. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, a trustee of the YMCA at Anniston, is director of the First National Bank of Anniston, and the Alabama Power Company.

Mr. Reynolds' term on the Board of Trustees will expire in 1955. He represents the Fourth District.

V. S. Summerlin was born on a farm at Fullers Cross Roads, 8 miles north of Luverne, Alabama, on February 10, 1912, the son of Richard Webb Summerlin, prominent merchant and plantation owner, and Lily Dale Harbin Summerlin.

Mr. Summerlin is a graduate of Luverne High School in 1930. He attended Business Schools in Seattle, Washington and Norfolk, Va. He also took correspondence courses in salesmanship with International Correspondence School.

From September, 1941 until December, 1945, Mr. Summerlin was with Army Ordnance, procuring pyrotechnics. At present he is the owner and operator of Builders Supply Company, Luverne. He is a manufacturer and dealer in building materials.

He traveled extensively in Europe during 1934-6, touring Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Spain, England, Scotland, North Africa, Canada, Mexico and Central America.

His wife is the former Miss Georgia Zell Collier. They have two children, Vernon Shelley

Summerlin, Jr. and Ann Collier Summerlin.

Mr. Summerlin is a member of the Church of Christ, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Alabama Senate.

His term on the Board of Trustees will expire in 1959. He represents the Second District.

## Hutsell Named

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to thank personally all the members of the team for their fine spirit and their personal loyalty to the coaching staff. They played all games as well as they could and our defeats with our hard schedule are understandable, in view of their lack of experience and the tremendously high number of serious injuries which hampered us this year. Also, I want to express my appreciation for the support given by our student body and student publications.

"I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the coaching staff and to the personnel of our expanded Physical Education Department. I am grateful for the support of loyal Auburn Alumni, our faculty, citizens, the administration, and particularly the high school coaches and principals. I also appreciate the support given me by the Alabama press and radio. I especially have enjoyed associations with the fine group of athletic directors and coaches of the Southeastern Conference.

"I leave Auburn with mingled feeling, but with the genuine appreciation of my fine association with faculty and townspeople. I shall follow the future of Auburn teams with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction."

A statement Thursday morning by Line Coach Werner said, in part, "I very regretfully consent to this action (termination of contract) because of the fine relationship and cooperation it has been my pleasure to have with the football players, as well as many friends acquired on the coaching staff, faculty, and among the alumni.

"I believe and know that Coach Voyles is one of the best in the nation. It is my hope and prayer that he will again be associated in a similar position."

## ENGINEERING AND RABBITS OCCUPY W. L. WHITE '14

Everyone has a hobby, but leave it to an Auburn man to find one that's strictly different. William L. White '14 takes time out from his engineering business in Newark, Ohio to operate America's leading Angora Rabbitry.

For more than 30 years, Mr. White has followed his profession diligently with definite success. As a result of this success, he has been called for engineering consultation into 33 different states. His first three years were spent in a steel plant, dealing with all phases of analyzing, testing, and manufacturing steel. He has designed and constructed power plants, heating systems, dams, dikes, roads, bridges, sewer disposal systems and other vitally important projects. He has also invented, created and marketed several important inventions of his own, typical of which is the selective tabulating system which may be seen on all the latest models of the Underwood and Remington typewriters. Four of his patents have been bought by the Underwood Typewriter Company.

### From Engineering to Rabbits

From tabulating systems to rabbits—that's quite a jump. But in 1942, Mr. White started raising



William L. White

Angora Rabbits as a hobby. The hobby has grown by leaps and bounds. People from all over the country write to Mr. White to



## Alumnalities

**1897** William J. Beeson writes from 218 W. 107 St., Los Angeles, that he is now in his ninth year of retirement from the teaching profession. Thanks for the compliments on the progress of Auburn over the years. Wish you could come down and see it personally.

Warren H. McBryde sends his regrets from San Francisco that he was unable to attend the reunion of his class on Homecoming Day. We hope that he can be with us next Homecoming.

Oliver J. Semmes, Pensacola, informs us that three generations of Oliver J. Semmes attended the Homecoming festivities. Oliver, Jr., graduated with the class of '24, and Oliver III is now a freshman at Auburn.

**1898** Friends of Ashleigh S. Moses will be interested to learn that he is now residing in Middlebrush, New Jersey.

Our congratulations and thanks go to B. M. Stewart, Houston, Texas, who did such an excellent job of contacting alumni in pre-Homecoming preparations.

**1907** Charles S. Ripley, Cleveland, Ohio, writes of an accidental reunion with L. L. Forest, '26 in the Cleveland Railway Terminal. As he said, "You never know when you will run across another Auburn graduate."

**1910** We hear that Dudley Murphy Clements is now manager of the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. If you're ever up that way, drop in to see him.

James F. Reeves writes that his address has changed to 600 No. Poplar Street, Charlotte 2, North Carolina.

**1913** We hear from Rev. Julius S. Blackburn that he is retiring from the active ministry and is moving from Sylacauga, Ala., to Safety Harbor, Florida.

Col. Joseph R. Bibb writes from Headquarters, Munich Military Post, that after thirty years as a commissioned officer in the Army he is retiring from the

### L. B. Forbes '11 Retires in Ark.

L. B. Forbes, '11, cottonseed technologist, has recently sold his laboratories at Little Rock, Ark., and has retired after a career of 35 years.

He plans to divide his time between his orange grove in Florida, the North Georgia mountains, his home in Little Rock, and his cottage on Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs, Ark.

After his graduation in chemistry and metallurgy from Auburn, Mr. Forbes went to work for the old American Cotton Oil Company, Mobile, Ala., locating successfully in Gretna, La., Atlanta, Little Rock, Houston, and Memphis. In 1923 when the company was liquidated, Mr. Forbes was chief chemist of the crude mill department with mills from Sequin, Tex., to Wilmington, N. C., and branch laboratories at Houston, Shreveport, Atlanta, and Wilmington under his charge.

In 1925 he opened his own laboratories in Little Rock, becoming an authority on cottonseed meal cooking and press room technique. He has served on various committees of the American Oil Chemists' Society and has been third vice president (1930), second vice president (1935) and third vice president again in 1941. He has also been a member of the National Cottonseed Products Association serving on its seed grading committee.

service and is on his way home. He says he is toying with the idea of resuming his studies at Auburn. We hope he will come on back with us.

**1914** Frank Boyd, last year's president of the Alumni Association, is president of the newly organized Montgomery Sales Executives Club. Boyd, who is connected with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation in Montgomery, was previously designated temporary chairman of the organization.

Gayle "Mac" McFadden is now Head Engineer with the Chief Airfields Branch, Engineering Division, U. S. Army in Washington, D. C. His home address is 2418 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

**1917** Brig. Gen. Tom C. Rives writes that he is now stationed with the Engineering Division at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Harry Berry "Sip" Seybt reports that he is now Sales Engineer with General Electric Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

Classmates of Col. James Withrow Webb will be glad to hear that his new address is 3908 49th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

J. E. Hickey, 200 Peachtree Arcade, Atlanta, was very influential in planning the banquet at the Biltmore Hotel on the eve of the Auburn-Tech football game. His hard work and enthusiasm deserves the praise of all who could attend.

**1918** We hear from Worth Montgomery "Mac" McCown that he is Country Sales Manager with the Hunter Packing Company in Kirkwood, Missouri. He is now residing at 324 Oakley Lane in Kirkwood.

John Andrew "Shamrock" Sheary reports that he is now County Agriculture Agent in Ruston, Louisiana. His home address is 604 W. Mississippi Avenue in Ruston.

Friends of Forest R. Birchfield will be glad to know that he can now be reached at 1349 41st St., Belview Heights, Birmingham.

**1919** Raymond B. Kelly writes from Fort Worth, Texas, that plans are underway to organize an Auburn Alumni Club of North Texas. We're anxious to hear of your success.

**1920** Dr. R. Russell Jeter of 900 Orchard Road, Rich-

### A. D. Lipscomb '17 Has Anniversary

A. D. Lipscomb, '17, founder of Lipscomb Tiger Drug Co., Auburn, observed his twenty-fifth year as an Auburn druggist this month. He has kept the same location since opening for business Oct. 2, 1922.

A son, Andrew D., will take over management of the business following graduation from Auburn in December.

A member of Auburn's class of 1917, Mr. Lipscomb was working for T.C.I. in Birmingham when he enlisted in the Marines. After his discharge in 1919 he worked for Florida Cotton Oil Co., for a while. In January of 1920 he joined the faculty of LSU's chemistry department for two years. Then he came back to Auburn, his home town, and opened the drug store.

His first customer, Mrs. J. B. Jackson is still a regular customer.

Mr. Lipscomb was married Sept. 6, 1920, to Miss Freddie Scott, an Auburn girl, and they have one daughter and two sons. They are Mrs. James Swanner, Burlington, N. C., and Andrew D. and McAdory Lipscomb, both students in pharmacy at Auburn and both World War II veterans.

## Marriages

Sue Comer, Vicksburg, Miss., to Col. Frank A. Ferguson, '39 Birmingham, in Vicksburg, October 10.

Thomas W. Schuessler, '42 of Auburn to Betty McGehee of Decatur, October 11 in Decatur.

Elsa Bell, '43 to Homer C. Powers of Sentinel, Okla., Sept. 4 Auburn Baptist Church.

Mittie Moore Jones, '44 to Bennett Thomas Simms, Jr., September 3 Auburn Baptist Church.

Sara Lou Connell, '45 to Samuel Hubert Booker, 47 June 7, 1947 East Lake Methodist Church, Birmingham.

mond, Virginia, has been connected with the Virginia State Veterinary Division for the past fifteen years.

We hear that William L. Sims, II, is now vice-president of the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company in Jersey City, New Jersey.

**1921** F. E. Bell of 131 No. Ludlow Street, Dayton, Ohio, writes that he and other members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers recently had the pleasure of being escorted through the DELCO local plants of General Motors by C. W. Wright, '26, from Dothan, Alabama. He believes Mr. Wright's title is Electrical Engineer in charge of Construction.

William Lea "Billy" Stallworth tells us that he is owner and operator of the Stallworth Clinic, 618 College Avenue, Columbus, Mississippi. After he graduated from Auburn he took his M. S. and M. D. both at Tulane.

**1922** At the annual meeting of the Montgomery County Red Cross Chapter in October, Fred A. Duran, chairman, was unanimously re-elected to serve his third successive term as head of the chapter and as a member of the board of directors.

**1924** Col. O. P. Lee, Opelika attorney, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Rotary Club last month. Col. Lee recently returned from an extend-

## Engagements

Betty Sue Eaton to Roger Downs Smith, '43. The wedding will be an event of late December.

ed tour of duty with the War Department in the European occupied zones.

We hear that Irving Patrick is doing an excellent job as Secretary of the Jefferson County Auburn Alumni Club. Congratulations, Patrick. Keep up the good work.

Clary P. Boyd, owner of the Arkadelphia Nursery Company, writes us that through the ALUMNEWS he has been able to locate several of his classmates with whom he had lost contact. We hope this column will help many of you resume old friendships.

Henry F. Newman writes that his new address is Route #12, Box 334, Birmingham 6, Alabama.

**1925** Robert J. Jager has recently been promoted to Superintendent of the Hudson plant of the Lone Star Cement Corp. Congratulations, Bob. His address is no longer Demopolis, Alabama, but Post Office Box 77, Hudson, New York.

**1926** Robert Morris Meigs is now St. Louis District Sales Manager of the Koppers Company, Inc. His residence is 5712 Cabanne Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

We hear from Ralph Laurence Creel that he is now Head, Contract Structural Design Section, Structures Branch, Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Quite some title you've got, Ralph. His home address is 406 High Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

We hear indirectly that L. L. Freret is now in Vermillion, Ohio and is an engineer with the National Tube Company in Lorain, Ohio.

Carson Edmon "Pea" Green is Business Manager of the Natchez General Hospital in Natchez, Mississippi. He has been in hospital work since he left Auburn in 1926.

We hear that Robert Y. Brown

## New Position For J. D. Williams '38

J. D. Williams, '38, has recently been appointed Montgomery Manager for the R. P. McDavid Company, Birmingham.

Mr. Williams spent five and one-half years in the Army, and served for three years in England and Europe as a major with the Eighth Infantry Division. He was discharged in December, 1945.

Mr. Williams is married to the former Mary J. Dobson of Wetumpka, Ala. They have three children.

The R. P. McDavid Company is wholesale distributor for RCA Victor radios and phonographs, L & H ranges, ABC washing machines, Guriberson Oil Heaters and numerous other products.

is now American Foreign Officer at the American Embassy in Manila, Philippine Islands.

**1927** G. B. Phillips has recently been appointed API Extension Livestock Specialist. Prior to his appointment he was county agent in Limestone County.

**1929** Roy Sellers writes that the Atlanta Alumni group is working on building up a large Auburn Alumni Club there. Good work, Roy. Let us hear more about that.

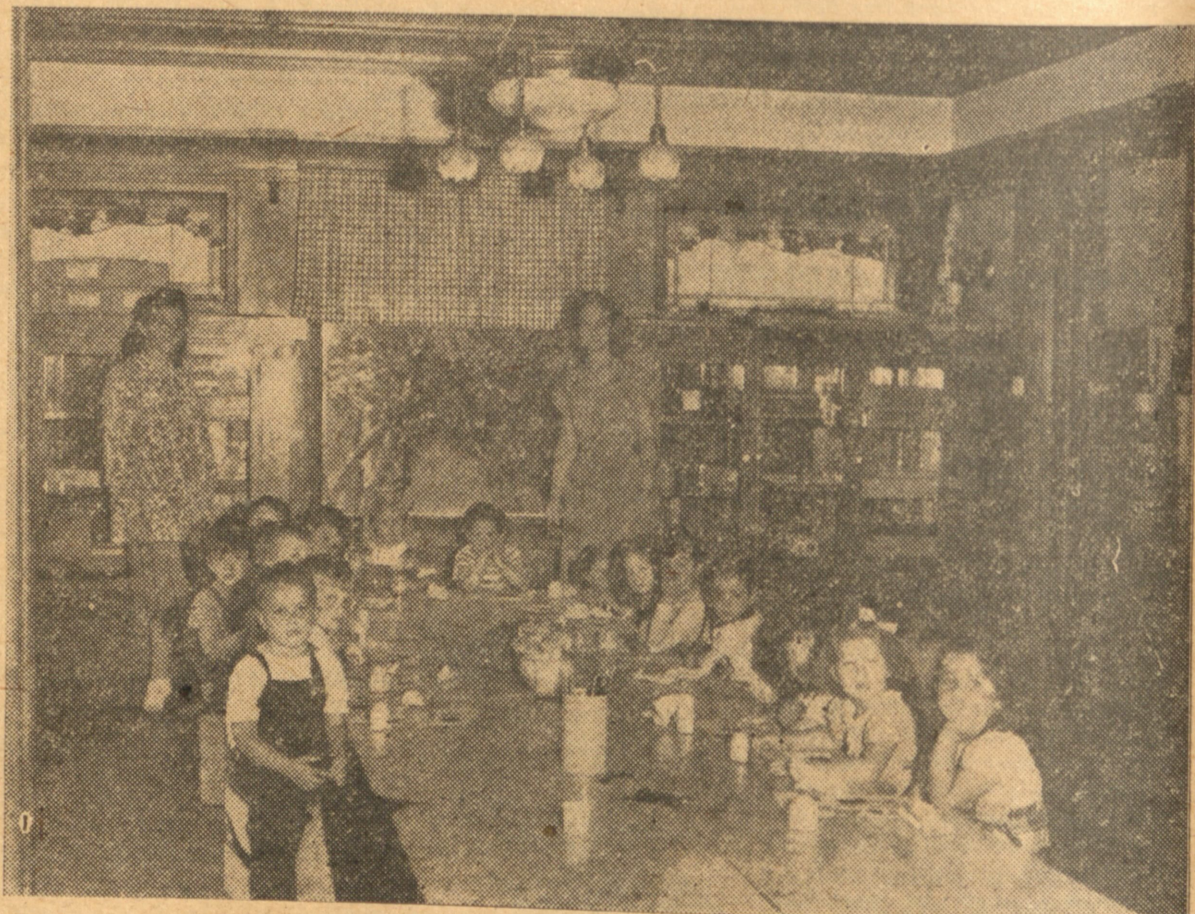
**1930** Arturo P. Neito wrote us a note from Celaya, Mexico. He is now connected with the Neito Brothers import-export company.

O. S. Adams writes that he is a teacher of vocational agriculture in Wetumpka, Oklahoma. The Future Farmers of America Chapter at his school will represent Oklahoma in the National Future Farmers contest during the year 1947-48. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

**1931** George Mallory "Mal" Collins is continuing in his architectural profession in Dallas, Texas. He gives his present address as 4336 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas.

Martin Luther "Rip" Van Win-

## "Tiny Tots Are Big Business"



Often times the story has been told about the little girl going west and there to reap the benefits of the rich rewards for her efforts. Such again is this story of our own Mrs. Forrest E. Henderson, nee Wilma Williamson, '43, formerly of Wetumpka. Mrs. Henderson, the wife of Dr. Forrest E. Henderson '43 is the sole proprietress of the Tiny Tots Kindergarten, 101 20th Avenue,

San Francisco, California. Situated in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge, their four story mansion of 22 rooms serves as headquarters for approximately 40 little tots between the ages of 2 and 5 years. A big business it is, too, for there are two teachers other than the proprietress, a registered nurse, a dietician, janitor, child specialist on call, a back playground covered with

a cork substance, music rooms, dining rooms, sleeping quarters, speaker system, and all the other necessary playground equipment to make the Tiny Tots Kindergarten the most capably run and best equipped in San Francisco.

Dr. Henderson is now practicing with the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in California, and is also a big wheel in the Tiny Tots Company.



## Births

To Capt. and Mrs. Ernest C. Rushing, '36, of Gadsden, a son, Ernest Charles Rushing, Jr., born December 19, 1946. Capt. Rushing is now stationed at Fort Belvoir.

To Dr. and Mrs. George Rogoff, a daughter, Lynn, born September 27, Bronx, New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Kiper, '42, a son, Ralph Orian Kiper II, Sept. 17, North Louisiana Sanitarium, Shreveport, La.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Winfield Clark, '42, twins, Michael and Michele, July, 1947, Bakersfield, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. James William Morgan, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, August, 1947, Albertville, Alabama.

**kle** writes that he is Recreation Specialist, Georgia Agricultural Extension Service in Athens, Georgia. His residence is 420 Bloomfield, Athens.

**1932** We hear from **Burt Wilbur Collins** that he is Assistant Chief Chemist with the International Paper Company, Southern Kraft Division, at Panama City, Florida.

**Dr. Orville P. Ginter** writes that he is practicing dentistry in Piedmont, Alabama.

**1933** **O. L. "Goof" Robinson** is at present Branch Manager of Remington Rand, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. His home address is 129 Conway Road, Decatur, Ga.

We hear indirectly that the present address of **Lt. Col. Asa C. Black** is Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, G-1 Section, APO 1, C/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

After seven years in the service **Hugh Cameron** has returned to Auburn and resumed his old job. We are glad to have you back with us again, Hugh.

**1934** **Smith T.** will be glad to know that she is now residing at 406 North 9th Street, Opelika, Alabama.

**W. H. McDaniel** writes from Oneonta, Alabama that he is now manager of the Blue Bell Over-all Factory there.

**F. G. "Buddy" McCollum** writes that he is now Head Coach at Troy State Teachers College in Troy, Alabama.

**1935** We hear from **William A. Chalkley** that he is now connected with the Knoxville Plant of the Rohm-Haas Company, a chemical and plastic manufacturer. His home address is 317 Mayflower Road, Knoxville.

**W. O. "Benny" Fenton** tells us that his new address is C/O Firestone Stores, Gastonia, North Carolina.

**1936** **Preston E. "Red" Blackwell** is vice-president of Reo Truck Sales & Service, Inc., in Phenix City, and is living at Smith Station, Ala.

**Ed Payne**, 4768 Banner Drive, Long Beach, California, writes of great success of the Auburn Alumni Club in his vicinity. Congratulations. You're doing an excellent job, Ed.

**George R. Wright** is now connected with the Alabama State Health Department in Montgomery.

## Deaths

**Dr. Frank Carlisle Bivings**, '01, August 7, 1947, following long illness.

**Peyton B. Burkhalter**, '12, August 19, 1947. Mr. Burkhalter was an officer of the S. S. Jacobs Construction Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

**William H. Cogswell, Jr.**, '13, August 15, 1947.

**Dr. Robert Eugene "Bob" Goodall** writes that he is now practicing dentistry in Gadsden. After leaving Auburn, he received the DDS degree from Emory University in 1939. He is President of the Gadsden Dental Study Club.

**1937** **William R. Bell** writes from Montgomery that he is now residing on Felder Terrace in that city.

**George J. Burrus, III** writes from 1515 Second Avenue, Columbus, Georgia that he is now vice-president and Chief Engineer for the J. A. Geiger Company in Columbus.

We hear indirectly that **Lt. Col. Lavonne E. Cox** has been appointed Third Assistant District Engineer Commissioner for Washington, D. C. He will assist Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young, Engineer Commissioner. Col Cox spent 2½ years in the China-Burma-India theater during the recent war. He has just completed work on his master's degree in civil engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Joe Sarver** was recently elected president of the Lee County Auburn Club. Congratulations, Joe. We are expecting great things from the Club this year.

**1938** **Classmates of Mason Stoddard** will be glad to learn that he is now located at Hylton Hall, Schoolfield, Virginia.

We hear from **Norman Alton Whitten** that he is now living in Fairfax, Alabama.

**James Dewey Williams**, now living on Westminster Road, Atlanta, Ga., is Branch Sales Manager for the Eureka-Williams Electrical Company in Atlanta.

**William F. Lee**, who was Head Cheerleader for Auburn in '36, writes from Newnan, Ga., that his oldest son, age 4½, has been yelling "War Eagle" for 2½ years.

**Dr. D. Dallas Rush** writes of an Auburn "Get-together" held in his home in Philadelphia in celebration of Homecoming, October 4.

**1939** **Robert F. McNulty** writes that his present address is 73 Prospect Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts.

**McKinney L. Thomas** writes from Huntsville, Alabama that he is now connected with the Southern Furniture Sales Company in Huntsville.

**E. R. Taylor, Jr.**, has wandered way up to Flint, Michigan. His home address is 301 Josephine Street.

**Jack L. Finley** writes that he has recently moved to 428 W. College Street, Tallahassee, Fla.

**E. J. Rogers** writes from Camden, Ala., that he is serving the Prudential Insurance Company as land appraiser in the mortgage loan department. His duties take him all over South Alabama.

Another Auburn graduate makes good. **John L. Baswell** is now Executive Vice-President of the Birmingham Real Estate Board. Congratulations, John.

**1940** We hear from **Harry L. Bush** that he and his wife, **Mary Olive Strozier Bush**, '44, are now living in Presidio of San Francisco, California. Major

## Rencher '33 Opelika City Commissioner

In a recent election, **Dan Rencher, Jr.**, '33 was elected City Commissioner of Opelika, Alabama.

Since his graduation he has engaged in the gas and oil business in Opelika with his father, **D. M. Rencher, Sr.**, except for the four and a half years he served in the Army at the rank of Lt. Colonel.

## Cleghorn '43 Now Asst. Sports Editor For Montgomery Adv.

**William E. "Bill" Cleghorn**, '43, a one-time sports correspondent for the Montgomery Advertiser, is now Assistant Sports Editor for that paper.

While at the Plains, Bill was a member of the Tiger track team running the mile and 880. Among his journalistic duties at API, he covered college activities for the Auburn News Bureau and was on the staff of the Auburn Plainsman.

Serving as an officer in the Field Artillery in the Third Army in the EAO, Cleghorn spent 18 months overseas. At the close of hostilities, he was picked to attend a special athletic school at Cite Universite, Paris, France. From there he was placed on temporary duty with an English daily newspaper for three weeks to study English newspaper methods, and worked on the beats with staff reporters.

Following this assignment, Cleghorn toured the continent as European athletic and publicity officer promoting sports between the occupation troops and the Allied armies. After accumulating enough service points he was discharged with the rank of Captain.

**Bush** is with the G-3 Light Aviation Division, Sixth Army Headquarters.

**Philip Titus "Bud" Raymond** has gone in for transportation in a big way. He is now Manager of the Barksdale Transportation Company in Shreveport, Louisiana. He and his wife, **Jean Trigg Raymond** and 11 months old **Susan Jean** are residing at 140 E. Boulevard in Shreveport.

**Mary Philips Drake** is occupying her time with house-keeping. She and her husband, **William D. Drake**, '25, are now living at 404 Hughes Avenue, Attalla.

**John B. "Bud" May, III**, still can't get away from the Navy. He is now Aeronautical Engineer with the Navy Department in Washington. He and his wife and **Sally Jane**, 6, and **Carol Jean**, 3, are living at 5040 Albermarle St., N. W.

**William E. Robinson** likes the teaching profession, but he wants it in Alabama. He writes that he has recently moved from Gordo High School in Tuscaloosa County. He received his M. A. degree from the University of Alabama this summer.

**1941** We hear from **Dr. Otto Strock** that he and his wife, the former **Kathryn McClellan**, '41, are now located in Orangeburg, S. C.

**W. O. Wood** writes that since July 1 he has been connected with the John Blue Company in Huntsville. He is residing at 1604

## McElwee '32 Now at Mississippi State

**E. W. McElwee**, '32, formerly A.P.I. associate professor of horticulture, has been appointed professor of floriculture at Mississippi State College, State College, Mississippi.

A graduate of Mississippi State, McElwee came to Auburn in 1930 for graduate study, completing his Master's degree here and later attending Ohio State University. Returning to Auburn in 1935 as assistant professor of horticulture, Mr. McElwee has been with A. P. I. continuously since that date except for three years' service in the Army.

In his new position Mr. McElwee will be charge of floricultural teaching and research in ornamentals. **Poincianna St.**, Mayfair, Huntsville.

**Clifford West Stewart**, Opelika, has left the United States for Switzerland where he will do graduate work in French, German and international relations at the University of Zurich.

We hear indirectly that **Merlin T. Bryant** is now connected with the Brundidge Milling Company in Brundidge, Alabama.

**Lt. Bolden H. Eiland, Jr.** of Birmingham has re-enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now stationed in Okinawa with the Engineering District. His wife and two boys hope to join him there soon.

We hear from **Hazel Elizabeth Garrison Westbrook** that she is now a decorator for Clair De Lune, Inc., in Alexandria, Virginia. Through December, 1947, however, she and Capt. Westbrook will be stationed at Tyn-dell Field, Panama City, Florida.

**1942** **Donald Arthur "Don" Goodall** writes that he has set up his dentistry office in the Philipson Building in Gadsden. Don received his Doctor's degree from Emory University. From 1942-1946 he served as a dentist in the Navy.

**William Winfield "Bill" Clark** is now a civil engineer for Stone & Webster Engineering Corp., Bakersfield, California. He and his wife, **Willie Russell Clark**, are the proud parents of twins, **Michael** and **Michele**.

**James William "Jim" Morgan** keeps busy with two jobs. He is owner of the Nursery and Landscape Co., Albertville, Alabama, and also salesman for F. S. Royster Guano Company in Albertville.

**1943** We hear from **William Witt "Bill" Putney** that he and his wife, **Elaine Mapps Putney** and one-year-old **William Witt III** are living at 305 S. Main Street in Farmville, Virginia.

After his discharge from the Army this year, **Henry McLain "Dick" Dickinson, Jr.** became Area Engineer, Southeastern Division, Alabama Power Company in Enterprise.

We have finally located **Lt. Charles Berry**. His present Army address is 1716 Heyward Street, Columbia, S. C. He is stationed at Fort Jackson.

Friends of **Billy D. Barton** will be interested to know that he is now back with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation, and is located at Shreveport, Louisiana. Billy has been doing an excellent job in organizing the Shreveport Auburn Club. Congratulations, Billy.

**Julius M. Davis** writes that he has resumed his former position with The Texas Company in Port Arthur, Texas. We hate to see him leave Alabama, but hope he will still keep in contact with Auburn.

**James Blanding "Jimmy" Dick** of Greenwood, Mississippi writes that he will receive the commission as Ensign under the Navy's Holloway Plan for officer procurement on February 14, 1948. Congratulations, Jimmy.

**1944** **Julian Merrill Girardeau** is now connected with the Engineering Department of Ingalls Iron Works Company in Birmingham. He and his wife, **Rene Rush Shamblin Girardeau** are residing at 1021 Tenth Avenue, So., Birmingham.

We hear from **Grace Ward** that she has shifted from her former position of Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Abbeville to Home Demonstration Agent in Wetumpka.

**Bob Chisholm** writes from Hattiesburg, Mississippi that a number of Auburn graduates are planning to organize an Auburn Club there. We hope to hear more about your plans in that direc-

## Hedge '11 Named Personnel Mgr. For Schalage Lock

**Albert A. Hedge**, '11, was recently appointed Personnel Manager for the Schalage Lock Company, San Francisco, California.

From 1923 to 1940 he was head of the Field Service and Inspection Department of Pelton Water Wheel Company. He left there in November 1940 to re-enter military service as a Colonel in the Army Ordnance Department.

During his Army service he was Chief Procurement Officer, San Francisco Ordnance District, and also served in the office of Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. Later he was assigned to the Brazilian Military Commission as Technical Advisor.

When Al returned to civilian life in October 1945, he joined the Merchant Calculating Machine Co., as Factory Administrator.

Al is residing in Berkeley, California. During his leisure time he likes to garden and shoot ducks.

tion, Bob.

We are glad to have **Tom Roberts, Jr.**, back in Auburn. His new address is 555 Wright's Mill Road.

**John W. Blake** writes that he is now Production Engineer with the National Carbon Company, Inc., in Greenville, N. C.

**1945** **George M. Dykes** of Union Springs left in October for Mexico where he will take a position as sanitary technician in the Mexican area now infested with the foot-and-mouth disease of cattle. Formerly he was head of Veterans' Teachers of Vocational Agriculture in Bullock County.

**1946** Friends of **J. R. Amereson** will be interested to know that he is now Pharmacist Mate 3/c with the U. S. Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Mass.

**Malcolm B. McRee** writes that he is now with the Advertising Department of the Birmingham News. His home address is 2520 19th Avenue, W., Birmingham.

**1947** We hear from **Joe H. Appleton** that he is continuing his study of Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Hope you can get back down this way again soon, Joe.

Fellow '47ers will be glad to know that **Daniel "Cisco" Puisseur's** newest address is 313 West 46th Street, Apartment 4, New York City, N. Y.

**Joseph Edward "Ed" Bouchard** writes from Columbus, Ga., that he is now employed by the Columbus Iron Works as a salesman.

Friends of **Percy C. Carter** will be glad to receive notice of the change of his address from Cllo, Alabama to 2600 Pike Road, Birmingham.

**Bob Crowder** writes from Tulsa, Oklahoma that he is now working with the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation in the Sales Promotion and Advertising Department.

## Hardie '37 New Doc At Johns Hopkins

**Dr. George A. Hardie**, '37 has been appointed college physician at John Hopkins University for this quarter.

After his graduation from Auburn in 1937, he entered the University of Virginia and received his M. D. there in 1941. He took his internship at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans before going into the army.

**Dr. Hardie** served in the Medical Corps of the Tenth Army Headquarters and was in the invasion of Okinawa. He was discharged from the Army with the rank of Major.



# DUSTING 'EM OFF

BY ZIPP NEWMAN  
Sports Editor, The Birmingham News

The following article is reprinted with permission from Zipp Newman, Sports Editor of the Birmingham News. After the Auburn-Georgia Tech game, he devoted his famous 'Dusting 'Em Off' column to Auburn's famous football star, Travis Tidwell.

## Atlanta Sings Praises of Tidwell

"Georgia Tech won the game from Auburn, but Travis Tidwell, of Birmingham, walked off the field to the thundering applause of the spectators. Atlanta never has seen a more gallant athlete in defeat than the crippled Tidwell—take that from hardened veteran football writers.

Birmingham has known all along that Travis Tidwell was a great football player—what he meant to Auburn's offense. It was predicted back in August that Tidwell would go against Tech—if he could get around on only one leg.

"So let's see how they like Travis in defeat: Ed Danforth, Atlanta Journal—

"Travis Tidwell, a man with a leg and a half and a double portion of heart, led a lost cause in the humid horseshoe of Grant Field when he went down with Auburn to defeat by Georgia Tech 27-to-7.

"Tidwell, favoring a slow-healing ankle break, threw passes for 108 yards and twisted over the goal for a touchdown himself, but his teammates could do no more than make it tough on the Engineers to score."

"Ole Timer (Ed Camp), Atlanta Journal.

"I would sit me down, open up my Thesaurus for adjectives that glint and adverbs that glisten, skin through the pages of Bartlett for quotations from the masters and poesy and the past master of oratory, and write me a piece about Travis Tidwell. But others represented in this section get first shot at that enticing task, so I will make my eulogy short and snappy.

"That gloriously gallant boy's passing was the best I have ever seen. I cannot believe that Gilmer on his best day threw the ball so well, or that Davy O'Brien, Sammy Baugh, Benny Friedman or Sid Luckman ever did a better job. The limping cripple's trouble was a lack of receivers who could fake their

guarders out of position or who, with the ball possessed, could rise to the demands of the occasion. Only once did an Auburn catcher show that violent touchdown determination that is necessary to promote passing from a ground-gaining device to a scoring tactic.

"In the second period towering Bill Waddaill (that's the way the program spells it) caught fire, perhaps from the steel of Tidwell's toss against the flint of his breast, and twisted and drove for a big gain that set the stage for Auburn's only score."

## Bradberry Takes Hat Off To Tidwell

"Johnny Bradberry, Atlanta Constitution, took off his hat to Tidwell and devoted his whole Sunday column to the Woodlawn youngster.

"He wrote:

"There is a kid hobbling around out there on this white-striped green turf trying to play football.

"His name is Travis Tidwell and he is not an example of American youth. Rather, he is an exception.

"At least 78 of his 178 pounds must be heart. He's out there playing one of the roughest games in the world on one leg. About all the good he gets out the other is it serves as a ballancing agent.

"We wish it were possible for each of the 37,000 citizens in the stands to personally inspect Tidwell's left leg. He can hardly walk on it, much less run. The leg itself is about half as large as his left, that is, all except the ankle, which is swollen to almost twice normal size.

"And yet, despite this handicap Tidwell is the Auburn football team. When he is out of the game, the Tigers are 11 men. With him in there, they are a well-knit striking force, following a leader.

"Travis Tidwell is quite a story. He entered Auburn as a freshman last season and led the

nation's ground-gainers.

"He was mentioned on several All-American teams and read thousands of the million-odd words written about him.

"Throughout it all he remains unaffected, a quiet, good-looking kid with yellow hair saying 'yes sir', and 'no, sir', and taking every opportunity to give credit to his teammates for his success.

"We first saw him off the football field at the Birmingham Quarterback Club's first meeting last Winter. He and Harry Gilmer, an old high school teammate, were guests of honor.

"They asked Tidwell to say a few words. 'I've been awfully lucky,' he said with boyish shyness. 'My teammates made it possible for me to do as well as I have. They're a great bunch of fellows and you people are awfully nice to invite me to this party.'

"He sat down and the audience gave him an ovation.

"Tidwell loves athletics. He went out for the Auburn baseball team and, as usual for him, had little trouble making the squad.

"He broke a leg sliding into second base in a game which was already won. They put it in a cast and it healed perfectly.

"But at the same time he broke the leg, he suffered a badly sprained ankle.

"The next time we saw Tidwell was right after his leg had been taken out of the cast. The ankle was a terrible sight. It was blue with bruise and swollen and it hurt even without any weight on it.

"But on the first day of Auburn football practice, he drug himself out to the field and, standing on his good leg, spent a couple of hours throwing the ball.

"It was almost pitiful, like a race horse with a broken leg looking at his trainer with eyes which ask, 'What's wrong? Why can't I run any more?'

"The doctor X-rayed the leg and announced the break was healed and that it was safe for Tidwell to try and play if he desired.

"He's been trying for two weeks now and his passes won two games for his team.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people in these stands would be home in bed with such a leg as Tidwell's.

"Maybe he should be there. But he has too much heart and desire to play and plain ol' guts for that.

"His team probably won't win many games this season and when All-Star honors are passed out, Tidwell probably will be left out.

"That doesn't keep him from being All-American on our book.

"The true test of a boy is what his teammates think of him. They are the boys who live and sleep and eat with him.

"Tidwell's teammates love him. They play better than their abilities to protect him when he's in the game.

"What about his coaches? Well ask one of them and chances are 10 to one water will come in his eyes when he says simply: 'I wish he were my boy.'

## API Concert-Lecture Series Popular Here

The Concert-Lecture series at Auburn this year is one of the best-rounded programs of recent years. There will be something of interest for every taste.

For the musically minded, two concerts have already been heard in the highly adequate new Student Activities Building, which seats between 1500 and 1800 people comfortably. On October 20, the Westminster Choir, a chorus of 40 glorious voices, presented a choral program. On No-



C. B. McManus

## McManus '16 Named Georgia Power Head

Local newspapers have recently been full of the news that C. B. McManus '16 has been elected president of the Georgia Power Company by the board of directors. He will succeed the late Preston S. Arkwright.

Mr. McManus, former assistant

## Architecture

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service as Acting Dean, teacher, and Acting College Architect. Professor Lancaster fulfilled this difficult role with energy, enthusiasm, and skill.

Soon after his arrival in Auburn, Dean Bannister asked the staff to study the curricula and recommend necessary revisions. In general the courses were found to be satisfactory. In architecture, the major change was to strengthen work in building construction, structural theory, and building equipment by increasing the number of five-hour courses in these subjects from five to eleven. The deficiency had crept in when the quarter system was installed. Courses in presentation methods and applied decorative composition were re-instated, and a senior undergraduate thesis introduced to summarize and focus all the student's knowledge and skill. Four brief engineering shop courses

On November 7, the Cincinnati Symphony with its new conductor, Thor Johnson, played a return engagement at Auburn. On November 25, Auburnites heard the world-renowned duo-pianists, Vronsky and Babin.

Three lectures will appear next in the Concert-Lecture series. The three topics will deal with matters international, national, and scientific.

On December 11, the famous correspondent and commentator, Robert St. John, will speak on "Is There An Iron Curtain?" On January 14, Ellis Arnell, former governor of Georgia, will speak and will touch on political prospects for the coming year. On February 23, Dr. Gerald Wendt, editorial director of SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED, will give a scientific lecture.

To round out the musical portion of the 1947-48 Concert-Lecture series, Miss Irene Jordan of the Metropolitan Opera will sing on January 22 and the Atlanta Symphony will close the current season at Auburn with a concert on April 25.

to the president and a member of the board, has served as a vice-president of the company since Dec. 17, 1946. Before then, he had been connected with the company for nine years as superintendent of district operations and assistant operating manager.

A native of Smithville, Ga., the new Georgia Power president graduated from Auburn in 1916. He served as an officer in World War I and joined the Alabama Power Company in 1919.

Before returning to Georgia, he operated the Muscle Shoals steam plant and was a company division manager at Birmingham and Huntsville, Ala. He, his wife and two sons live at 1615 Johnson Road, Northwest, Atlanta.

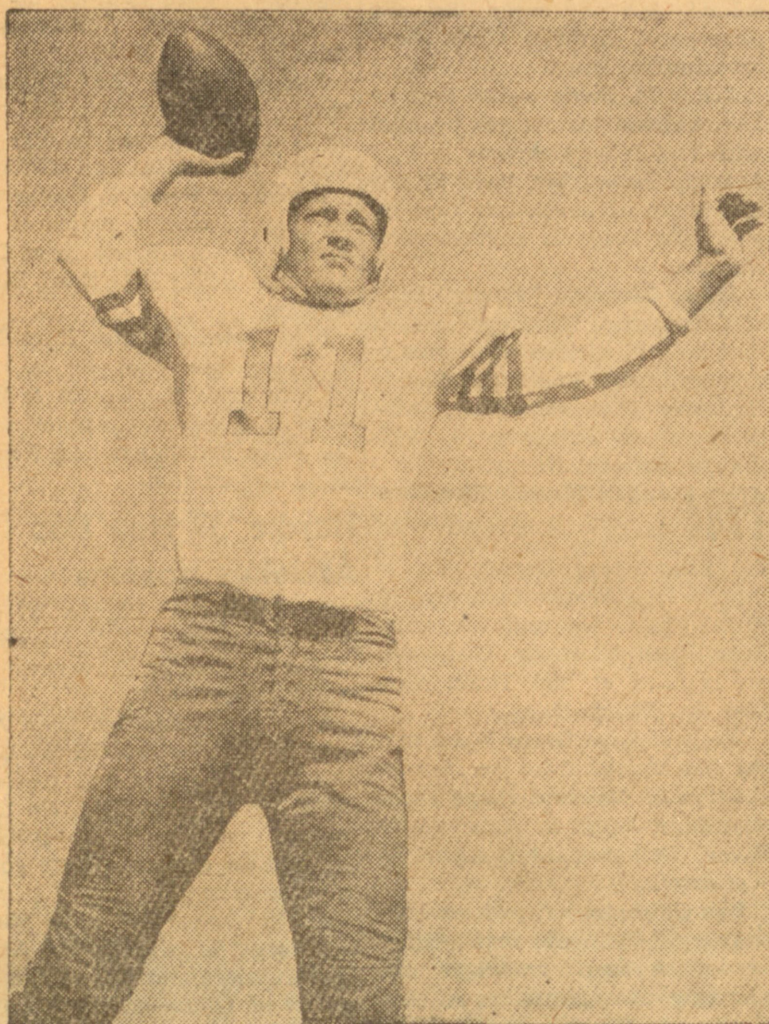
Mr. McManus has held numerous offices in engineering and trade associations. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church, is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club, Atlanta Athletic Club, and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

ses, in woodworking, metal working, sheet metal, and welding, have been added. Thus without reducing emphasis or time spent on design, the scientific and practical phases of architecture have been expanded to meet the complex demands of contemporary building problems. The architectural curriculum was accredited in 1945 on the first as well as on subsequent lists issued by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

## Building Construction Offered

Of direct interest to the architectural profession was the inauguration in 1945 of a four-year curriculum in Building Construction designed to give technical collegiate training in the fields of building contracting, building material production and distribution, and the building inspection services maintained by municipalities and insurance rating agencies. Heretofore, these branches of the building industry had recruited personnel primarily from the ranks of skilled mechanics and in some cases from men trained in architecture or civil engineering, both of which, however, were but obliquely pointed to the direct needs of building erection and supply. While a suitable curriculum had already been studied by the architectural staff at Auburn, Dean Hannum of the School of Engineering and Professor Lowe, head of the Department of Civil Engineering, suggested the transfer to the School of Archi-

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Travis Tidwell



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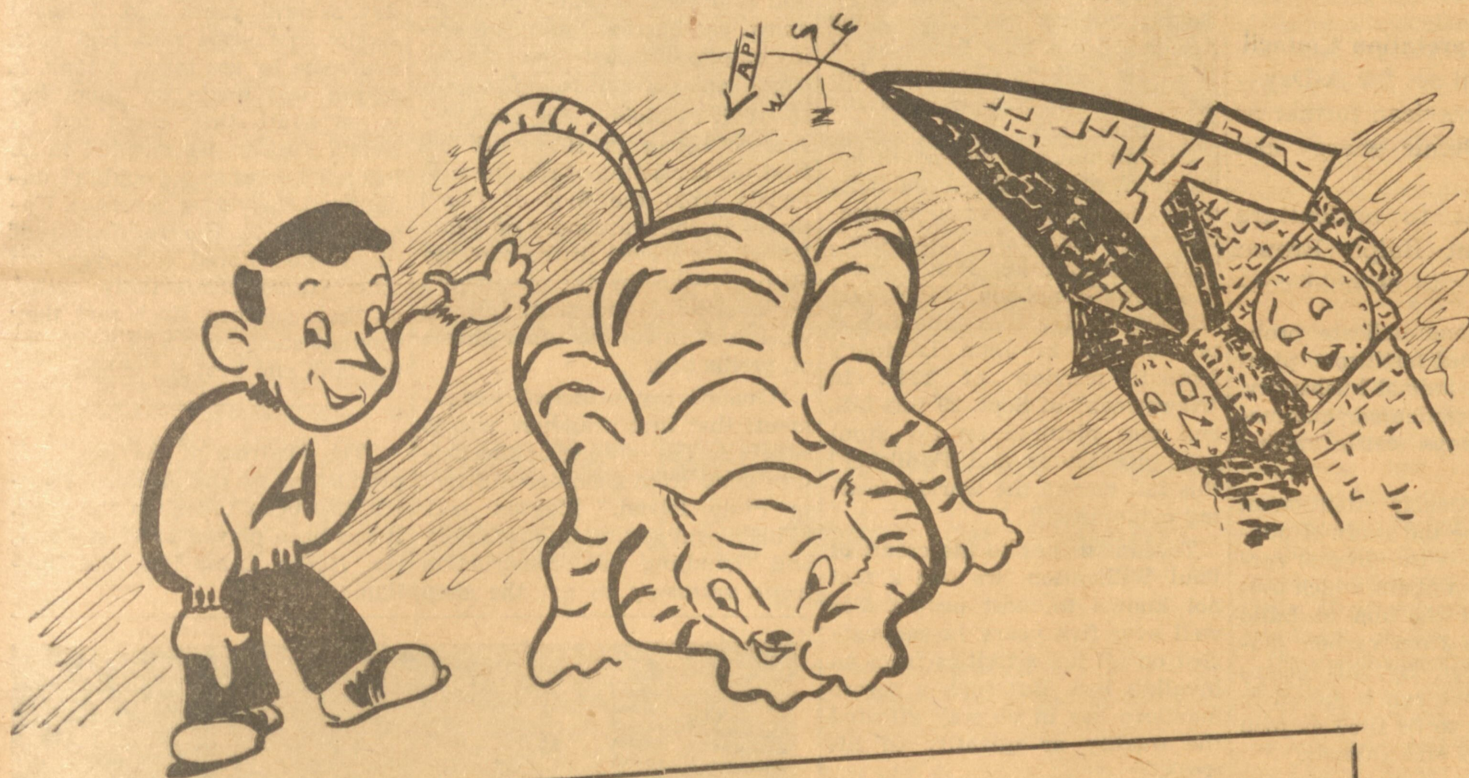
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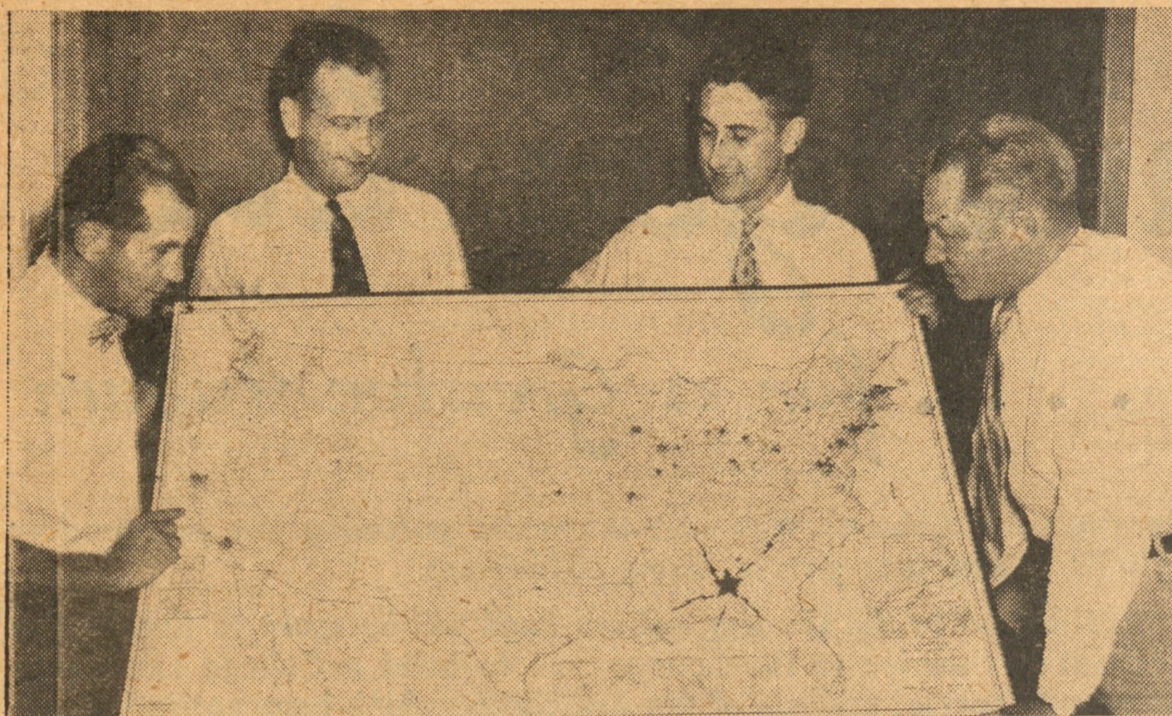
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**NATION'S TOP SCIENTISTS LOOK TOWARD AUBURN.** America's top atomic scientists are looking toward Auburn for the world's first conference on Radioactive Isotopes in Agricultural Research, to be held at API Dec. 18-20. Left to right are: Dr. Paul Aebersold, Chief of the Isotopes Branch, Atomic Energy Commission; Dr. N. W. Woodruff of the Atomic Energy Commission; Dr. J. A. Cox, Clinton Laboratories, and Dr. E. J. Murphy, Asst. Research Director, Clinton Laboratories.

## Uses of Atomic Energy in Agriculture To Be Studied At Auburn on Dec. 18, 19, 20

By Robert Leigh

Assistant Director, Auburn Research Interpretation Council

The Loveliest Village of the Plains is all set for A-Day—Dec. 18. It will be a historic day for the American farmer as 300 scientists will come to study how atomic energy can help him.

"The conference is highly significant to agriculture throughout the world," Acting President Ralph Brown Draughon said. "It is the first meeting ever to be held concerning the application of discoveries in atomic fission to agricultural research. Auburn welcomes this opportunity."

Top scientists from all sections of the nation are listed on the official three day program. They include Dr. Paul C. Aebersold, Chief, Isotopes Branch, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The state of Alabama will be well represented. Dean Russell S. Poor, Director of Auburn's Research Foundation, is conference chairman. Among other Alabamians on the program are: Dr. Fred Allison, Head, Physics Department; Dean Marion J. Funchess, Director of Alabama Experiment Station, both of Auburn; Dr. Eric Rodgers, Acting Head, Department of Physics, University of Alabama; Dr. W. A. Lazier, and Dr. Howard B. Skipper, Southern Research Institute, Birmingham.

What these and other scientists see at the conference may constitute an instrument for investigation, for learning, and for human welfare as richly and unpredictably valuable as the microscope itself. Their goal is to see that the exploration of the atom will be the 20th century's greatest contribution to mankind's well-being.

Just why Auburn was selected for the national conference is easily explained. It is one of the country's outstanding land-grant colleges. It has pioneered in agricultural research work. It is located in the heart of the agricultural South, not far from Mr. Atom's Oak Ridge home.

Recently the government made a plentiful supply of radio isotopes available at Oak Ridge. These isotopes have opened vast new opportunities for scientists. They are using these new research tools to study life in all its forms.

Radioactive isotopes enable the trained scientists to tackle many

fundamental and delicate problems in fields of fertilizers, plant growth, small animal husbandry, horticulture, gardening, entomology, field crops, cattle raising and the like.

Getting particular attention at Auburn will be the study of photosynthesis. It is the process carried on in green plants which uses the energy of the sun to build food elements from carbon dioxide and water. By this means energy from the sun is stored in carbohydrates to be used as food by both plants and animals.

Scientists have long known that various minerals and chemicals have an important influence upon plants, animals and, in fact, all form of life. But heretofore no definite method of tracing them, thereby revealing those influences, has been available.

Radio isotopes furnish that method. Radio isotopes are, simply, variations of common elements, such as carbon, sodiums, phosphorus iron zinc, cobalt, etc., with the same chemical properties as the stable element. But they differ in various ways, for one thing they are "tagged" atoms loaded with radioactivity. Thus they can be traced in their progress through the plant or animal body.

Interest in the conference increases from day-to-day. Letters have been received from scientists from California to New Haven. Some of the scientists will come from Beltsville, Md., Pullman, Wash., Salt Lake City, Berkeley, Calif. Gainesville, Fla., and leading colleges and universities of the Nation.

First prize among exhibits went to the department of Zoology-Entomology at the annual Ag Fair, Nov. 6. Other features of the fair were pie-eating, hog-calling, and apple-eating contests.

## Alumnus of the Month

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Orleans Midwinter Sports Association. In 1919, he was named fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and in 1927, he was nominated fellow of the British Royal Society of Arts and Sciences. He is also a member of the New Orleans Geological Society, and the New Orleans Big 10 Alumni Club.

Our alumnus of the month has received wide national publicity over the years in such publications as "Esquire", "Newsweek", "Saturday Evening Post", "Football News Handbook", "Pic", and "Holiday". He was mentioned prominently in John Lardner's football preview of 1947, in "Newsweek" of Sept. 29 this fall, and was pictured on the front page of "Editor and Publisher" this fall among the world's leading columnists.

To add further to the credit of Paul Williamson, we add a fact not known to most people. For well over five years, he has carried on all his activities from an invalid's bed. But such a severe handicap has in no way effected the quality or quantity of his work.

Our latest letter from Mr. Williamson informs us that he will be officially discharged this month by doctors after the bout with pulmonary tuberculosis. He has been moving around since last August, and plans to return to active pursuit of his professional consulting and exploratory work in oil and engineering after the New Year.

In a recent letter, Mr. Williamson said: "One of the greatest pleasures I have felt whenever I have received any sort of honor or national publicity was that it was happening to an Auburn man."

Auburn can only reply that she hasn't a son more worthy of recognition and acclaim than Paul B. Williamson.

## Architecture

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ture of a Light Construction option in Civil Engineering that had been set up in 1942. The result was the establishment of a four-year curriculum leading to the degree, Bachelor of Building Construction, combining a thorough program in building construction, estimating, and structural theory with a strong sequence in accounting, cost con-

## Success Story Told By "Cocky" Mayson '23 of Addisco Company

You learn more than is taught in the books when you work your way through college is the belief expressed by W. M. "Cocky" Mayson, '23, of the Addisco Operations Department, who learned in early years while studying mechanical engineering at Auburn that doing a job well requires a thorough knowledge of every part of it. The Addisco employe has lived up to this theory in the 23 years of his career here.

"There are two very important facts that stand out in my years of service at Addisco," Mr. Mayson asserted, "both have been invaluable to me in my work." He explained:

"The first was the knowledge gained while teaching as a fellow-student at Auburn to earn my tuition through mechanical engineering—I found out that it required a well-rounded knowledge of a job to execute it properly. The second I recognize with gratitude the valuable aid given to me by Mr. Griser and Mr. Dumont in the years I worked under their direct supervision to learn the ins-and-outs of ships and marine repair estimating."

The first ship work performed by "Cocky" Mayson was as a youth in 1917 when he worked for the Fred T. Ley Company here in the construction of three concrete ships for use in World War I. He later entered Auburn and completed a course in mechanical engineering before becoming employed at this plant.

Mr. Mayson was born August 15, 1901, in Mobile. His career at Addisco began in 1924 with his first job consisting of routing materials from the foot of Canal Street to the warehouse on Pinto Island. He served in the capacity of draftsman in the company's engineering department, but his work took in various other phases of production.

"One of my principal assignments that first year here was to supervise the moving of the pattern shop from Commerce Street to Pinto Island," Mayson said. "This meant setting up machinery and handling the construction work necessary to get the shop

into operation."

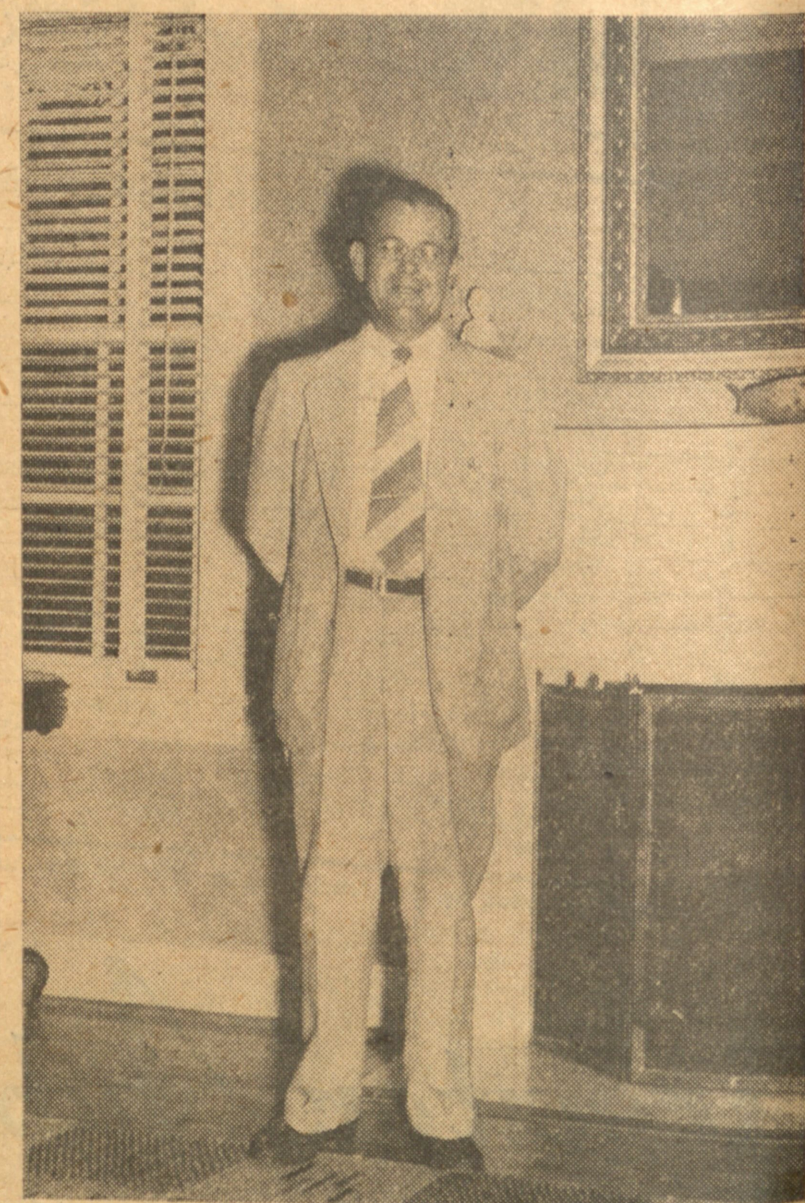
The Addisco employe's work from 1925 until 1942 when he was named Assistant to the Manager consisted of estimating and scheduling ship repair work, with the latter part of this period being almost exclusively devoted to traveling on the road as an estimator.

This was an invaluable experience for me," he said. "I guess I went to every important shipping center from Portland, Maine, to Caribbean and Mexican ports in that work. This equipped me to handle my present duties, with the customers' accounts and dry-docking schedules being by far the greater part of my job."

Recalling an event in his career at the plant which stood out in humorous detail, he told of the action of two employees centered about the scene of a near accident.

"While down on a drydock one day several years ago, I heard shouts that some men had been overcome by gas inside a tank. A search was made for them but to no avail—they could not be found. Finally, we decided to go to their homes as we couldn't understand their disappearance. Upon arrival at the residences of these two colored employees we found them comfortably seated on their porches. Each said they thought something was wrong in the tank and beat it for home."

"The Mistress of the Inn," fall production of the Auburn Players, has been taken on the road. It has been played in West Point, Ga.; Heflin, Camp Hill, and Opelika.



W. M. "Cocky" Mayson